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# CHRISTMAS



## H.C.I.L Group

Meet Mon., Dec. 29

The Hampden County Improvement League group of Feeding Hills will meet Monday, Dec. 29 at the home of Mrs. Mary Spinelli on 16 Park St. at 8 p.m. for a Christmas party.

A covered dish supper will be served with food donated by members.

## VWWI CARD

### PARTY WINNERS

The seventh game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St. Winning door prizes were Rhea Duclos, Nick Panaretas, Maud McMahon, Betty Allard.

Mystery prize winners were Peter Lacemark, and Wilfred Racetti. Ace prize winner was Rhea Duclos, for the ladies and Ken Morley for the men.

The following received high score awards: Ladies—1st Florence Panaretas, 2nd—Rhea Duclos, 3rd—Dorella Luearino, 4th—Maude McMahon. Men — 1st George Pierce, 2nd Walter Haggerty, 3rd Ken Morley, 4th Gaston Allard.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## Lt. Gaunt Serving With Texas Squadron

KINGSVILLE, TEX. — Navy Lieut. (junior grade) George S. Gaunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Gaunt of 28 Doane Ave., Agawam, is serving with Training Squadron Twenty-two at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Tex.

His squadron conducts advanced training for future carrier jet aviators.

## SP4 Jorgenson

At Ft. Bliss, Texas

FT. BLISS, TEX. — Army Specialist Four Andrew C. Jorgenson, 22, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Jorgenson, and wife, Susan, live at 69 Parker St., Agawam, was assigned as a supply specialist with the 71st Artillery at Ft. Bliss, Tex., Nov. 13.

REMEMBER—NO TAX-GATING



## GENERATION GAP?

By Edith LaFrancis



A grandmother is a sort of status symbol in the neighborhood. At Christmas-time Nancy boasts proudly that "My Grandma is coming on the plane!"

When the plane arrives, however, Nancy is all smiles but very shy. It has been a long time since she has seen Grandma and many things are different now. Nancy has grown. There is a new baby in the crib.

But the shyness begins to melt as Grandmother and Nancy read picture books and play with toys. Grandmother lets a little girl help with dishes and she cleans up the milk Nancy didn't mean to spill. Grandmother waits patiently when a little girl is trying to decide which shoe goes on which foot. She watches Nancy rearrange the decorations on her own little tree. (Mother said she might place them just as she wished.) Nancy enjoys being watched with this loving approval; Grandma thinks her tree is beautiful.

When it is bedtime, Nancy, clean and sleepy in her pajamas, comes to Grandma expectantly. Grandma holds out her arms.

Suddenly a bright glow shines in the child's eyes. Love is there. A bond of happiness flows strong and sweet between young and old. Soft little arms encircle Grandma's neck, their velvet touch, more loving than gentle, will make Grandma smile months and even years later in remembering.

Whoever heard of a generation gap!

## Robinson Warrant Officer Candidate

FT. WOLTERS, TEX. — Warrant Officer Candidate Richard B. Robinson, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Robinson, 50 Main St., Agawam, completed a helicopter pilot course Nov. 21 at the Army Primary Helicopter School, Ft. Wolters, Tex.

During the 16-week course, he was trained to fly Army helicopters and learned to use them in tactical maneuvers.

He next will undergo advanced training he may be appointed a warrant officer.

WOC Robinson entered the Army in April 1969 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

## K. of C. and Lions Remember Needy

President John F. Kennedy Council #5585 Agawam Knights of Columbus and the Agawam Lions Club, two of Agawam's prominent organizations, join forces this year to bring Christmas cheer to some of Agawam's needy people.

Both organizations raised money in their own way and then consolidated their finances to provide greater buying power. Former Western Massachusetts District Deputy James A. O'Keefe Sr., and now present Kennedy Council Lecturer and Frank Chriscola, president of the Lions Club, represent their respective organizations in this project.

## Republican Annual Dinner

To Be Held Feb. 8

Chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, Richard S. Brindle announced today the Republican annual dinner will be held at Betty's Towne House on Feb. 8th. Mr. Brindle indicated that the dinner was the first social event of the New Year planned by the Party under the direction of former Selectman, Frank Chriscola.

Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a friendship hour to be followed by a roast beef dinner served at 7:30 in the main dining room. Betty's fabulous dessert table will also be a feature of the evening.

Invitations have been already sent to Gov. Francis W. Sargent, Councilor Raymond J. Fontana; Senator George D. Hammond; U. S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte; State Rep. Vernon R. Farnsworth;

Springfield Mayor Frank H. Freedman; and other officials in nearby communities.

Agawam's Senior Selectman, Edward W. Connelly is in charge of invitations, having the responsibility of securing the keynote speaker for the evening program.

Recognition shall be given to all Republican Candidates in the November Town Election, together with Republicans presently holding office. Agawam "Teen" Republicans will again be invited and honored for their valued assistance during the past year.

Richard Brindle indicated that further details would be released in the near future by Dinner Chairman, Frank Chriscola. He requested that all interested persons reserve the date of Feb. 8th for the annual Republican dinner.

## Now We Understand

The trustworthy town administrator finds it easy to "Live With Himself" when his conscience is at rest because, he has made decisions which are supported by law and which do the greatest good for the greatest number. One might find it temporarily easier to succumb to the pressures and even threats of the selfish few but rapport with the greatest number is ultimately attained by following established rules that most of us agree are fair. Many of the regulations to which I shall subsequently refer are not written in local ordinances but rather are the edicts of our state institution.

With this philosophy established let's discuss the matter of the sale of liquor in our town. Many of us are so temperate on this score that if it were our's to decide there would be no liquor sold. Others of us are so intemperate that we would have no concern if liquor was sold in every market place. Each group, I am sure, are sincere that their opinion is correct. However, moderation and regulations must persist.

As an average citizen busily occupied with daily tribulations, most of us would not be concerned until each is personally affected. When this does happen, wails and cries indicate that the administration is individually unfair and in some cases is trying to put dispensers of liquor out of busi-

ness. This happens usually between the dates of Dec. 1 and April 1 of each year. You should understand why this happens, both as a reader and as one who may be a seller or buyer of this liquor.

What actually are the conditions under which liquor is sold in our town? First, there is the holder of an "Inn" or "Tavern" license. He may sell liquor to be drunk on the premises on any prescribed day or hour throughout the year, and he may sell it to any transient, if of legal age. Second, there is the holder of a package store license who may sell under the same conditions as above, but not liquor is to be consumed on the premises. Next, to be considered is the holder of a "Full Club" license. He may sell, to be drunk on the premises, only to members of his club or their guests. In many cases, infractions of this license are common because, as a matter of practice it doesn't take too much persuasion on the part of the guest to become a member of this type of club. The last general type of license is held by the "seasonal club" group. This type of club may sell to its members or guests over 21 years of age, but only during the period from April 1st to Nov. 30th. From Dec. 1 to April 1, this club may not sell liquor except beer and wine and only may these be sold by obtain-

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Study; 10 a.m. Morning worship;  
6 p.m. Evening worship; 7 p.m.  
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An invitation is extended to  
the public to attend a New  
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p.m. Dec. 31st. Singing, praying,  
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Mrs. Richard Orr,  
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Sunday 10 a.m.—Morning Wor-  
ship with sermon: "The Land of  
Beginning Again." 10 a.m.—Sun-  
day School Classes in Community  
Hall, 6 p.m.—The Hilltoppers.

### NEWS FOR VETS!

The Veterans Administration  
announced today a record number  
of veterans and servicemen are  
now in training programs under  
the newest GI Bill.

An even larger enrollment is  
expected next month when many  
schools begin their second semes-  
ters.

Administrator of Veterans Af-  
fairs Donald E. Johnson said that  
as of Nov. 30, there were more  
than 736,000 participants in  
training programs of all types.  
This includes trainees in pro-  
grams at the college level, below  
college level, and on-the-job  
training.

According to Mr. Johnson, No-  
vember's enrollment figure rep-  
resents an increase of 36% over  
the same period last year when  
enrollees totaled 542,000.

So far, 1,551,000 trainees have  
taken advantage of educational  
benefits provided under the la-  
test GI Bill since it went into  
effect June 1, 1966.

A breakdown of trainees by  
categories includes 65,000 pursu-  
ing on-the-job training, 239,000  
in programs below college level,  
and 432,000 in programs at the  
college level.

The VA chief added that the  
increased participation in train-  
ing programs can be attributed  
in part to the agency's contin-  
uing "Total Outreach" program.

Under this program, veterans  
and servicemen are informed  
about benefits available to them,  
and are encouraged to apply.

VA contact representatives  
provide this service at military  
installations in Vietnam and the  
United States, as well as at VA  
hospitals, VA offices and Veter-  
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## Waste Collections

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26—  
ROUTE 10  
Alfred, Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., South, Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Trinity Ter., Warren and Western Dr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29—  
ROUTE 1  
Audubon, Arnold, Broz Ter., Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, Maynard, McKinley, Norman Ter., Norman Ter. Ext., North, Oak Ln., Pleasant Dr., Ridgeway Dr., Robin Ln., Sherman Ave., Sylvan Ln., Taft, Walton Ln., Wilbert Ter., Wilson, Woodland St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30—  
ROUTE 2  
Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hastings, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood, Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Sequoia Dr., White and Witheridge St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
ROUTE 3  
Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland Ave., Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect, River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut St. Ext., and Winthrop St.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2—  
ROUTE 4  
Amherst Ave., Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline Ave., Columbus, Country Rd., Griffin Pl., Granger Dr., Greenacre Ln., Henry, Highland, Holland Dr., Homestead, Keating Ln., Kensington, Mill, Mooris, Northwood, Norris, Old Mill Rd., Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal Ln., Royal, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd., Vassar Rd., and William St.

### Light Ye Candles

Then be ye glad, good people,  
This night of all the year,  
And light ye up your candles,  
For His star it shineth clear.  
—Old English carol

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.  
Hebrews 13:2

## GREETINGS



Our heartfelt old-fashioned good wishes and thanks to loyal patrons and friends.

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## Now We Understand

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ing a special day license issued by the licensing board; in this case, the Board of Selectmen. All liquor in these clubs must be secured from members and guests during the "off season." They do not have the right to sell tickets and/or coupons to be used to obtain liquor at the bar, nor do they have permission to include the price of liquor in the cost of the meal, nor do they have the right to "give away" the liquor. In substance, they are "out" of the liquor business during the restricted period.

It is these clubs which are involved in the greatest number of violations. They knew when they were granted such a license, what the rules are. They have no excuse, but some feel that by "swinging their weight" they can be granted concessions. When they are detected by the police, they, then begin to use the telephone to ask for clemency. Some have even used influential guests to plead their case. This, in my

opinion, is carrying a point too far.

You may well understand that your administration is a tolerant one, but will each of you understand that your administration will not tolerate abuse of the law because we believe the majority want it that way.

Selectman George L. Reynolds

"Whoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for each offense five shilling as a fine to the country."

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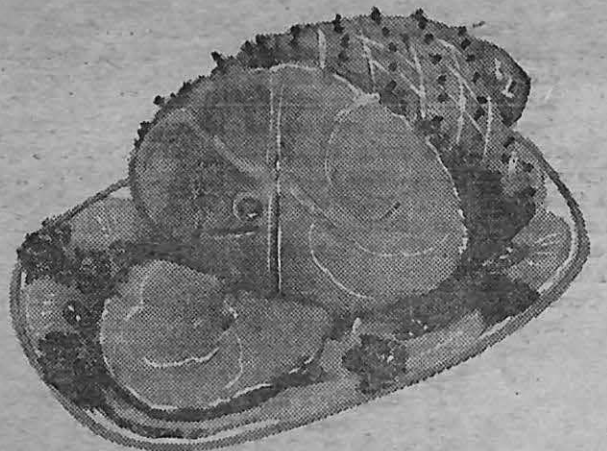
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Everyone has received a flyer pertaining to NEW YEARS — so send in your answers to Secretary George Perry immediately.

We are still serving clams, lobsters, grinders, and shrimp on Friday and Saturday nights — bring your family — that's what we are — a family lodge.

Shirley Fydenkevez and Anna

Bissonnette got together and the nursing homes and elderly were treated to caroling by the Girl Scouts?

Barbara Perry baked for the Christmas Party held at the VA Hospital by the VFW Auxiliary No. 1632.

Don Curran has been getting a lot of wear out of a certain red suit he owns as he played Santa to the Moose Children on Dec. 21st. More on this later.

We lost one of our brothers when Fred Roncalli was transferred to Lodge Everlasting on Dec. 14th. Gov. Ernest Dumond, Sam Smith, Secty. George Perry, Frank Smith, Past Jr. Gov. Wilfred Bissonnette and Trustee

Buddy Baker conducted the Moose Ritual at the funeral home, Chicopee on Wednesday Evening.

### Holly Traditional To Christmas

Holly has long been considered the most sacred of Christmas greens; and the red berries are said to represent the blood of Jesus.

"Of all the trees that are in the wood, only the holly bears the crown!"

A display of holly was long a sign of Christian worship.

Folklore has it that holly in the window will keep evil spirits away from the house, and holly at a maiden's bedside, on Christmas Eve, will protect her from goblins!

Wife: "Let's be sensible for Christmas this year. Start saving now."

Husband: "I agree."

Wife: "Good. You start saving for my fur coat and I'll start saving for something you can wear."

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### Smith Describes Christmas 1608

"Wind raine, frost and snowe caused us to keepe Christmas amongst the Savages, where wee were never more merrie, nor fedde on more pleentie of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread, nor never had better fires in England..." So John

Smith wrote of the few days he and his men spent with the natives at the end of December 1608 when he was seeking provisions of the Indian chief, Powhatan.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."



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## SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By **BILL CHIBA**

The holiday season brings the big news that the 1970 New England Sportsmen & Camping Show opens in Boston's War Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 24, and continuing for 9 days through Feb. 1.

This fabulous extravaganza unveils new dazzling equipment, ideas and innovations for the sporting and camping enthusiasts as well as bringing an exciting stage and water show with spectacular stars and experts to give valuable pointers.

More than 300,000 will converge from all corners of New England to attend this annual colorful mecca of sporting interest ranging from hunting, fishing, scuba diving, archery, firearms, flying and parachuting, golfing, camping, travel, resorts, skiing, tobogganing, karate, snowmobiling, cycling and other activities.

The entire second floor of the beautifully modern auditorium in Prudential Center will be transformed into a camper's haven. Under the sponsorship of North American Family Campers Assn., one of the largest and oldest camping organizations in the U. S., all kinds of camp gear will be shown. The latest in travel trailers and mobile homes, which are becoming bigger and plusher each year, will be included in the array of equipment.

### Vt. Deer Kill

The latest figure obtainable from the State of Vermont on the deer kill show 12,111 legal bucks were reported killed. In the antlerless deer category, which includes does and bucks with under three-inch antlers, 7809 were taken. Party-permit holders took 5659 (11,000 were issued) of these and 2150 went to landowners or tenants. Bow hunters took 1543 (a new record) deer during the earliest bow and arrow season.

The total for the bear season stands at 355.

The total deer harvested during the bow and gun seasons in Mass. is 2039. 37 of this total were taken by bow and arrow. The archers breakdown was 10 males and 27 females.

This was an increase of 612 deer over the 1427 taken in '68. The partial buck law is working. Game Biologist, Jim McDonough points out, "that the deer saved with the antlerless seasons in 1967 and 1968 certainly ap-

peared in the 1969 tally." Keep up the good work Jim.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

## Penn's Holiday Greeting

On a day towards the end of 1682 (we) made a Treaty of Amity with the American Red Indians. (We) carried no weapons; (they) were fully armed. (I) addressed them as follows: "The Great Spirit who made me and you, who rules the heavens and earth, and knows the innermost thoughts of men, knows that I and my friends have a hearty desire to live in peace and friendship with you, and to serve you to the uttermost of our power. It is not our custom to use hostile weapons against our fellow-creatures, for which reason we have come unarmed. Our object is not to do injury, and thus provoke the Great Spirit, but to do good. We are met on the broad pathway of good faith and good will, so that no advantage is to be taken on either side, but all is to be openness, brotherhood, and love."

William Penn, 1644-1718

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer

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## My Beat — A.H.S.

By Joseph Della-Giustina, Jr.

Harmon A. Smith, retired Agawam High coach and Athletic Director, will be honored at a testimonial on Saturday, Jan. 17th at Agawam High School. Mr. Smith served Agawam Public Schools for 45 years coaching all sports. His record for football from 1924 to 1955 was 138-55-15. He had seven unbeaten seasons in football. Mr. Smith was an outstanding athlete in his own right. He starred in football, baseball, basketball and tennis. A roast beef dinner will be served following a social hour beginning at 6:30.

### HOCKEY

The Agawam Hockey Team, which is coached by Jack Kunasek and Ralph Merullo consists of Fred Paper, Mike Losito, Mike O'Brien, Steve Kamyk, Gilles St. Pierre, Glen Gould, Don Wheeler, Mark Sullivan, Bill Sappelli, Mike Drewnowski, Bill Morrissey, Steve Atwater, Ken Penrose, Doug Janik and Tom Ennis. The hockey team's next game will be against East Longmeadow on Dec. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Coliseum. On Dec. 30, at 7

A sedate old gentleman was walking along the avenue with its lamp posts covered with synthetic snow and colorful ornaments. He was taking it all in when a Christmas tree vendor approached and asked if he'd purchased his tree yet. The old gentleman nodded and said, "Yes, and I'm going to have my broker decorate it."

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p.m., the hockey team will play against Longmeadow in the Coliseum. Good Luck!

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Another favorite winter sport at Agawam High is basketball. The Agawam High Basketball team, coached by Mr. Cliff Kibbe, consists of Len Caron, Chips Kistner, Pete Ronchi, Lou Conte, Mark Madinski, Don Taddia, and Ben Cheslowski. The next game is on Dec. 26 against Chicopee at West Springfield at 7 p.m. and then against West Springfield at Chicopee on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. Good Luck! Support our hockey and basketball teams!

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## ORIGIN OF CAROLS

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal

minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol," written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

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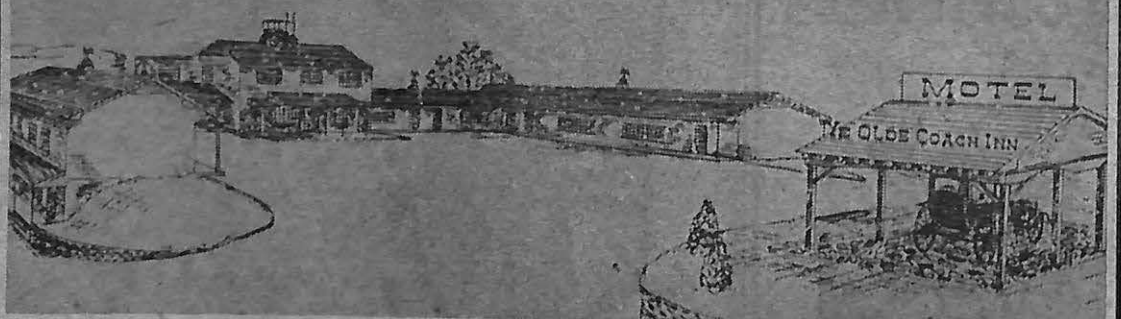


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# V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSENETTE

On Dec. 15th, Monday — A Christmas Party for Ward Lower — 3 was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital. President Katherine Dickinson attended with Hospital Chairman Anna D. Bissonnette, Chaplain Fran Link and Volunteer Del Grazio. She wishes to thank Brian Aster-Ferreio and Dean Jevons for entertaining the boys and the women above, Anna Hayes, Ellie Appleman, Stella Longhi, Emily Dias, and Betty Mason of the Auxiliary, Barbara Perry (affiliated with the Moose) for donating refreshments.

The Christmas tree was put up and decorated and will be in the Ward Competition.

## Fun-Loving King Restores Tree To Yule Status

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

While the art class was setting up a Christmas scene on the school lawn, one of the boys asked uncertainly, "Where shall I put the three wise guys?"

On Dec. 16th, Tuesday, a "pot-luck" supper meeting was held at the Post Home and much was accomplished. Letters of "Thank You" were read from William Tully, Director of Volunteer Services at Leeds as our donations totaled \$221.26 for the month of December.

1970 dues are due NOW. . . Please send either to Treasurer Anna Hayes or Membership Chairman Betty Curran.

A contribution was made to the Health and Happiness Fund to National Headquarters. All members are asked to remember the birthdays and Christmas for all the Massachusetts Cottage residents.

The Adult's Christmas Party held Dec. 19th was very nice indeed and President Dickinson is to be congratulated for the splendid job she did. Being president includes much that isn't glamour-

ous and much hard work. She thanks all who donated the hot foods and refreshments or helped in any way. The entertainment was provided by Betty Curran Sr. Vice Chairman. A beautiful large cake with a Christmas tree frosting wished everyone from the post and auxiliary a "Merry Christmas."



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